

ALASKA REGION REPORT

OVERVIEW:

*For this assignment, you will work in groups of up to **six** to research one of Alaska's six regions. You will each individually research an aspect of your assigned region (demographics, climate, etc.), and present it to your classmates.*

INDIVIDUAL WORK:

Each group member will research one aspect of your region. The six parts to choose from are: history of human habitation, demographics, major geographic features, climate, ecology and economics. You will find a description of each of these areas below. During presentations, you will also take notes on each region in a graphic organizer.

1. Native groups/History of Human Habitation. This should include:
 - The date of the earliest evidence of humans in the region.
 - Which Native group resides in your region? How do they dress, what do they use for travel, etc.
 - The dates when one major town or city in the region was founded. Try to find out the reason for its name and why it was founded.
2. Demographic Information. This should include:
 - A list of the Native groups that have homelands in your regions. Are they Indians or Eskimos?
 - The regional hub or hubs
 - The total population of your region as of the latest census information
 - The current ethnic makeup of the region
3. The major geographic feature of your regions (rivers, mountains, glaciers, terrain)
 - Detailed description, including significance of the geographic features
4. Your region's climate (weather conditions of the regions)
 - Average temperature for all seasons
 - Typical weather for each season (rainy, snowy, windy?)
5. An ecological description of your region (e.g., tundra, forest, desert, major plant and animals)
 - Description of life supported in your region including both plants and animals.
6. Economic Information. Include:
 - Natural resources in the regions
 - How are those resources harvested or used?
 - Is subsistence important in your region? (Subsistence: harvesting of traditional resources)
 - What is the average yearly income in your region?
 - What are the most important jobs in your region?

GROUP WORK:

As a group you will present your region to the class in small groups. You will also make a map your of your region to present.

1. Presentation: Each person will present the section they worked on in small groups. (Jigsaw)
As a group you will create a cut out map of your region to present.

- Colored (with colored pencil or crayon only) with this guide:

Southcentral= Blue

Interior = Red

Southeast = Yellow

Arctic = Green

Bering Sea Coast = Purple

Alaska Peninsula = Orange

2.

- **One** drawing from **each group member**, representing the region you researched (ex: symbolism for the topic you researched; a picture of salmon to represent the fishing industry, or a picture of Denali for the interior region, etc....)

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER:

While other groups present, fill in facts on the graphic organizer included for each category presented. You will only be responsible for recording information from what is presented. You do not have to fill in for your own group, just put a big X through it.

GRADING: 80 POINTS TOTAL

Individual Work (30 points) Notes--*Evidence that you researched your topic. Take notes. Write down important information about your topic to be presented to your peers. Produce two note cards to present in small groups.*

Group Work--Map + image (10 points): *colored, with appropriate image representing your topic*

Participation & Effort (10 points): *work time used appropriately, topic thoroughly researched*

Graphic organizer (15 points): *completed for each presentation, appropriate information*

Class presentation (15 points): *presented your topic within small groups, easy to understand, demonstrates effort and understanding of material*

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES: (9/14)

<http://labor.alaska.gov/research/cgin/cenmaps/statemap.htm>

For census areas in Alaska. You may have to combine several census areas to get the information you need.

<http://www.labor.state.ak.us/trends/>

Click on the January 2013 issue to learn about employment opportunities around the state

<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/summary/climsmak.html>

temperature ranges by cities. You may want to average together high and low temperatures for each region and for multiple places.

<http://www.akhistorycourse.org/articles/article.php?artID=195>

Use this link to see the Alaska Native Cultures Map. This will help you focus your search for the history of human habitation in your region.

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=ecosystems.main>

Link to Alaska's ecosystems guide from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=educators.notebookseries>

AK Fish and Game descriptions of mammals, birds, fish and furbearers in the state.

<http://city-data.com>

Gives economic information by city and comparison to the state.

<http://commerce.alaska.gov/cra/DCRAExternal/community>

For each city, you can find an overview of information.

<http://www.alaskais.com/alaskamap.htm>

Map of Alaska

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html>

Census info by state, borough (where applicable) & town/city

<http://alaska.hometownlocator.com>

Physical, cultural, historical info on boroughs & cities

<http://www.greatlandofalaska.com/reference/ranges.html#kuskokwim>

Alaska Mountain Ranges

<p>Arctic Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human habitation • Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology • Economy 	<p>Southeast Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human habitation • Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology • Economy
<p>Bering Sea Coast Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human habitation • Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology • Economy 	<p>Alaska Peninsula & Aleutians Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human habitation • Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology • Economy
<p>Interior Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human habitation • Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology • Economy 	<p>Southcentral & Gulf Coast Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human habitation • Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology • Economy

